

IN THE CLAIMS:

The following is a complete listing of the claims, and replaces all earlier version and listings.

1. (currently amended) A network-connectable device apparatus,  
comprising:

a judging means for judging device adapted to judge whether or not  
access by another device apparatus should be restricted; and

a sending means for sending device adapted to send information for  
describing a screen image which indicates in the other apparatus the reason for the access  
restriction ~~the reason for the access restriction~~ if access by said the other device apparatus  
is restricted.

2. (currently amended) The network-connectable device apparatus  
according to claim 1, further comprising:

a detection means for detecting device adapted to detect time  
information related to the information possessed by said the other device apparatus,

wherein said sending means device sends information which  
indicates the status of ~~said other device~~ the network-connectable apparatus according to the  
time information detected by said detection means device, if access by said the other device  
apparatus is not restricted.

3. (currently amended ) The network-connectable device apparatus according to claim 2, wherein said sending means device sends information which indicates the reason for the access restriction the information for describing screen image which indicates in the other apparatus the reason for the access restriction regardless of the time information sent by said the other device apparatus if access by said the other device apparatus is restricted.

4. (currently amended) A network-connectable device apparatus, comprising:

a judging means for judging device adapted to judge whether or not access by another device apparatus should be restricted;

~~detection means for detecting~~ a decision device adapted to decide whether or not the information for describing screen image in that other apparatus is stored in the network-connectable apparatus and has been updated, based on time information related to the information possessed by said the other device apparatus; and

a sending ~~means for sending the status of the other device~~ adapted to send the information for describing a screen image which displays a status of the network-connectable apparatus according to the judgment made by said judging means device and the time information detected decision results provided by said ~~detection means~~ decision device.

5. (currently amended ) The network-connectable device apparatus according to claim 4, wherein said sending means device sends information which

indicates the reason for the access restriction information for describing screen image which indicates in the other apparatus the reason for the access restriction regardless of the time information sent by ~~said the other device~~ apparatus if access by ~~said the other device~~ apparatus is restricted.

6. (currently amended ) A network system connected with a plurality of computers and a plurality of network ~~devices~~ apparatus wherein one of ~~said the~~ computers is equipped with a Web client and another one of ~~said the~~ computers and one of ~~said the~~ network ~~devices~~ apparatus are equipped with a Web server, comprising:

~~a determination means for determining~~ device adapted to determine to restrict access to ~~said the~~ Web servers; and

~~a notification means for sending data about the restriction on access to said Web server~~ device adapted to send information for describing a first screen image which displays in the Web client that access to the Web server is restricted, to ~~said the~~ Web client if it has been determined to restrict access to ~~said the~~ Web server.

7. (currently amended ) The network system according to claim 6, further comprising a decision device adapted to decide whether or not the information for describing in the Web client a second screen image which indicates a status of a computer or a network apparatus having the Web server is stored in the Web server and has been updated.

wherein if it has been determined to restrict access to said Web server and if said Web client has specified the update date of said data, said notification means sends data about the restriction on access to said Web server to said Web client regardless of whether said data has been updated since the specified update date if access to the Web server is not restricted, said notification device sends the information for describing the second screen image based on the decision by said decision device.

8. (currently amended ) The network system according to claim 7, wherein said notification ~~means notifies said~~ device sends the information for describing the first screen image to the Web client ~~of the status of said plurality of network devices~~ regardless the decision by said decision device if access to the Web server is restricted.

9. (currently amended) A control method for a network-connectable ~~device~~ apparatus, comprising:

a judging step of judging whether or not access by another ~~device~~ apparatus should be restricted; and

a sending step of sending ~~the reason for the access restriction~~ information for describing screen image which indicates in that other apparatus the reason for the access restriction if access by said ~~the other device~~ apparatus is restricted.

10. (currently amended) A control method for a network-connectable ~~device~~ apparatus, comprising:

a judging step of judging whether access by another ~~device~~  
apparatus should be restricted;

a ~~detection~~ decision step of ~~detecting~~ deciding whether or not the  
information for describing a screen image in the other apparatus is stored in the  
network-connectable apparatus and has been updated, based on time information  
related to the information possessed by ~~said the other device~~ apparatus; and

a sending step of sending the status of ~~said other device~~ sending  
the information for describing the screen image which indicates a status of the network-  
connectable apparatus according to the judgment made by in said judging step and the  
~~time information detected by~~ decision results provided in said ~~detection~~ decision step.

11. (currently amended) A control method used in a network system  
connected with a plurality of computers and a plurality of network ~~devices~~ apparatus, in  
which one of ~~said the~~ computers is equipped with a Web client and another one of ~~said~~  
the computers and one of ~~said the~~ network devices are equipped with a Web server,  
said method comprising:

a determination step of determining to restrict access to ~~said the~~  
Web servers; and

a notification step of sending ~~data about the restriction on access~~  
information for describing a first screen image which indicates in the Web client that  
access to the Web server is restricted, to said the Web server to ~~said the~~ said the Web client if it  
has been determined to restrict access to ~~said the~~ Web server.